

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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 METHODOLOGY AND APPARATUS )  
 FOR SUPPLY OF REACTANT FLUIDS )  
 TO AND PURGING OF PRODUCT AND )  
 INERT FLUIDS FROM CELLS OF FUEL )  
 CELL STACK )

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## COMMUNICATION REGARDING DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION

Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

On January 18, 2002, applicant submitted an amendment and a declaration of prior invention in connection with the subject application. The documentation submitted with the declaration of prior invention included notebook page 062 showing data collected during the reduction of the invention to practice. The names Adam, Jim and Mark appear on notebook page 062. Applicant submits that these three persons, namely Adam, Jim and Mark, were the assistants of the applicant who conducted tests and collected data at applicant's direction during the reduction of the invention to practice but did not participate in the conception of either the apparatus or the methodology which are part of applicant's invention.

In view of the foregoing statement, it is respectfully submitted this application should now be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable action at an early date would be appreciated. If the examiner is of the view that any issue remains unresolved, it is respectfully

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suggested that applicant's undersigned attorney may be contacted by telephone at the number set forth below. It is to be noted in this latter regard that applicant's undersigned attorney has just recently changed offices and that the contact information set forth below is new.

Respectfully submitted,

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